

# COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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## Committee on Homeland Security Holds Four Hearings to Strengthen DHS Missions

*Secretary Chertoff Testifies in First Congressional Hearing to Unveil DHS 90-day Review*

**Washington, DC (Tuesday, July 12, 2005)**—The House Committee on Homeland Security will hold four oversight hearings this week focused on improving the policies and operations of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS):

**9:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2118 Rayburn House Office Building:**

- Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology hearing on **“Project BioShield: Linking Bioterrorism Threats and Countermeasure Procurement to Enhance Terrorism Preparedness.”** The hearing will examine DHS’s effectiveness in assessing the chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) threats to national security as directed by the “Project BioShield Act of 2004” (BioShield). Witnesses: The Honorable Stewart Simonson, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. Karen T. Morr, Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate, DHS; Dr. John Vitko, Jr., Science and Technology Directorate, DHS; Dr. Marcus Eugene Carr, Jr., Novo Nordisk, Inc.; Mr. Michael Greenberger, Center for Health and Homeland Security, University of Maryland; Mr. Richard Hollis, Hollis-Eden Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Mr. James A. Joyce, Aethlon Medical, Inc.; Mr. David P. Wright, PharmAthene, Inc.; and Ms. Nancy J. Wysenski, EMD Pharmaceuticals

**10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 13, Location to be announced:**

- Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack hearing on **“Engineering Bio-Terror Agents: Lessons from the Offensive U.S. and Russian Biological Weapons Programs.”** The hearing will evaluate terrorists’ ability to develop and use catastrophic biological weapons, as part of the Committee’s broader review of the Department of Homeland Security’s bio-threat assessment activities. Witnesses: Dr. Ken Alibek, George Mason University; Dr. Roger Brent, Molecular Science Institute; and Dr. Michael V. Callahan, Biodefense & Mass Casualty Care CIMT/Massachusetts General Hospital

**2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2212 Rayburn House Office Building:**

- Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity hearing on **“Leveraging Technology to Improve Aviation Security.”** The hearing

will examine how the Transportation Security Administration can use available and emerging technologies to increase the efficiency and enhance the effectiveness of passenger and baggage screening at airports. Witnesses: Mr. Todd Haupti, Airport Legislative Alliance; Mr. Louis Parker, General Electric Security; Mr. Allen R. Barber, L-3 Communications Security and Detection Systems, Inc.; Mr. Michael Ellenbogen, Reveal Imaging Technologies, Inc.; Ms. Cathleen A. Berrick, Government Accountability Office; Mr. John W. Wood Jr., Analogic; Mr. Deepak Chopra, OSI Systems Inc.; Mr. Rick Rowe, SafeView, Inc.; and Mr. Cherif Rizkalla, Smiths Detection

**10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 14, 2128 Rayburn House Office Building:**

- Full Committee on Homeland Security hearing on **“The Secretary’s Second-Stage Review: Re-thinking the Department of Homeland Security’s Organization and Policy Direction.”** The hearing will examine the organizational and policy changes that DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff, which are the result of an internal review of the Department’s structure, policies, and programs initiated during the Secretary’s first 90-days at the Department. This will be Secretary Chertoff’s first appearance before a Congressional Committee following the release of the review. Witness: Secretary Michael Chertoff, Department of Homeland Security

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